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In re Application of: SCHMIDT Group Art No.: 3739
Serial No.: 09/490,175 Examiner: D. RUDDY
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR QUANTIFYING NERVE AND
NEURAL-MUSCULAR INTEGRITY RELATED TO PELVIC
ORGANS OR PELVIC FLOOR FUNCTIONS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-76 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 77 as follows.

77. A method of quantifying nerve and neural-muscular integrity related to pelvic organs or pelvic floor functions comprising:

providing a probe comprising a body, a distensible member, and a recording electrode, wherein the distensible member has a first end connected to the body and a distal end movable relative to the body, and wherein the recording electrode is attached to the distensible member adjacent the distal end;

placing the probe into the anal canal or vagina;

moving the distal end of the distensible member away from the body to engage tissue of the anal canal or vagina with the recording electrode;

placing a stimulation electrode, connected to a pulse generator, near the spinal cord or sacral nerves;

producing electrical stimulation pulses at the stimulation electrode; and

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